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SUBJ: FRENCH PREMIER TO VISIT DENMARK

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1. DURING JULY 22 CALL BY EMBOFFS ON OLE BIERRING, MFA
ACTING POLITICAL DIRECTOR (REFTEL), BIERRING EXPRESSED
DANES' PLEASURE THAT FRENCH PREMIER JACQUES CHIRAC WOULD
VISIT DENMARK JULY 31 - AUGUST 2. ALTHOUGH FONMIN
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SAUVAGNARGUES WILL NOT BE ALONG, DANES INTEND TO USE

VISIT TO DISCUSS NUMBER OF EC AND TRANS-ATLANTIC ISSUES,
BUT EXACT AGENDA HAD NOT YET BEEN DECIDED.

2. MUCH OF VISIT WILL BE DEVOTED TO CEREMONIAL AND
TOURIST INTERESTS BY CHIRAC, INCLUDING LUNCHEON WITH
THE QUEEN AT HER PALACE IN AARHUS AND A VISIT TO THE
DANISH ISLAND OF BORNHOLM WHERE FONMIN GULDBERG AND
AGMIN KOFOED HAVE FARMS. ARTICLE IN BORSEN DATED
PARIS, JULY 23 RELATED FRENCH PREMIER'S VISIT TO HIS
COUNTRY'S "ZEALOUS EFFORT TO RE-LAUNCH" THE EUROPEAN
COMMUNITY AND SPECULATED THAT JOINT DANISH-FRENCH
AGRICULTURAL ISSUES WOULD BE DISCUSSED.
BORSEN AND
BIERRING AGREED THAT BRITISH DEMAND FOR RE-NEGOTIATION
OF ITS EC ENTRY TERMS WOULD BE ADDRESSED.

3. BIERRING SAID DANES WERE SOMEWHAT SURPRISED THAT
CHIRAC TOOK UP AT THIS TIME INVITATION PREVIOUSLY
ISSUED TO HIS PREDECESSOR PIERRE MESSMER. BIERRING ALSO
SAID THAT DANES WERE FLATTERED THAT CHIRAC CHOSE THIS
COUNTRY AS FIRST TO BE VISITED OUTSIDE FRANCE AFTER
ASSUMING PREMIERSHIP. THEY SUSPECT HE MAY NOT BE
AVERSE TO DEMONSTRATING HIS OWN INTEREST IN FOREIGN
AFFAIRS FIELD.
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